



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 410

“Praise my soul, the King of heaven”

Lauda anima

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Song of Praise: S236

“Glory to you”

John Rutter

Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers;—
— you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to
you for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. Glo - ry to you
— in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u -



him; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

Glo-ry to you, be-hold-ing the depths; in the

high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you,

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Philippians 1:21–30

The Holy Bible *NRSV*, p. 1071

Commentary: The account of the founding of the Philippian church is recorded in Acts 16. Philippi was the first town in which Paul preached after crossing the Aegean Sea from Troas, entering what is now known as Europe. At that time the town had few Jewish residents and the first converts to Christianity were a Gentile businesswoman named Lydia and the Philippian jailer. When he wrote this letter, Paul was a prisoner, probably in Rome. Primarily this is a pastoral letter, meant to reassure and encourage the Philippians. Whether Paul lived or died and regardless of others' opinions, his whole life revolved around Jesus Christ. In life and in death, Paul considered himself blessed in Christ. Paul urged his readers to unite with one another, and with him, and to view suffering for their faith as a privilege that would glorify the Lord.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After the reading, the children leave for Children's Chapel.

Sequence Hymn 279

"For thy dear saints, O Lord"

St. George

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Lead us with gladness, O God;

Cover us with shouts of joy!

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Jesu, meines Herzens Freud
 Johann Sebastian Bach
arranged by W. H. Harris

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.	Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
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Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
 Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee:
 e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

~George Herbert

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S125

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem: S152

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 308

“O Food to pilgrims given”

Psalm 6

Hymn 674

“All who hunger, gather gladly”

Holy Manna



1 All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of full-ness,
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scat-tered
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who from this ta-ble



all a-round us is our food. Taste and see the
 in comm-un-ion's love have stood. Taste and see the
 live their days in grat-i-tude. Taste and see the



grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Hymn 312

“Strengthen for service, Lord”

Malabar

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us
 as living members of your
 Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 527

“Singing songs of expectation”

Ton-y-botel

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Postlude



Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Jason Christopher James.*

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

FAITH FORMATION HOUR

- DISCIPLES' CLASS: Rediscovering the Sabbath with The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley- *Meets in the Lippitt Room*
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS: Living Faithfully in a Busy Life- *Meets in the Stephen Ministry Room*
- JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE: *Meets on Youth Hall*
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 3 Yrs.-5th GRADES: *Meets 2nd Floor Milton Hall*

THIS EVENING

- BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME - 4:00-6:00 PM - *The Trask Home - RSVP for Directions*
- IGNITE: FAITH, FRIENDS, FAITH - 5:00 PM - *Join our St. James Youth in the Bishop Wright Room*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPTEMBER 25-29

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- SABBATH EXPLORATION GROUP
5:00 PM | The Spruill Home
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
- COMMUNITY OF HOPE
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING
5:30 PM | Register for Location

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY CLASS
9:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- HEBREWS FOR EVERYONE
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- SJDS PARENTS COFFEE ON THE LAWN
9:00 AM | Bacon House Lawn
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location
- CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- PARISH RETREAT BEGINS!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- PARISH RETREAT UNDERWAY!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 AM | Great Hall
- FAITH FORMATION | SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:10 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the October 2nd Digital Grapevine is Friday, September 29th.
The deadline for the October Grapevine Magazine is September 25th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BREAD BREAKERS: SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, September 24th | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | The Trask Home

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in September! The Trask Family is signed up to host this great event. We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. on the designated day to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcomed! If you'd like an adult beverage and are of age, please feel free to BYOB. Have questions? Reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

PARISH RETREAT - IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

September 29 - October 1

The 2023 Parish Retreat will be here before we know it. Make plans to join the St. James Parish family at the Trinity Center September 29-October 1. Registration is online now. Come and be a part of some spiritually driven, fun and engaging offerings for all ages! Have questions about the retreat? Reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.



REGISTER NOW

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Wednesday, October 4 | 5:45-6:15 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

All are invited to bring your non-human family members to our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, October 4 at Mt. Lebanon Chapel from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. We'll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing our furry, feathered, or even scaled, friends!

Please make sure all pets are appropriately leashed or contained.

NEWCOMER MINGLE - AKA - THE HARDY PARTY

Sunday, October 8 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

This fall, the 'Hardy Party' is BACK and all newcomers are invited. Sunday, October 8, Join us at the beautiful waterside home of Drs. Marie and Stuart Hardy off of Greenville Loop Road. Directions will be shared with those who RSVP as we draw closer to event day. Get to know each other, the Vestry and the Clergy at this fun event featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, plenty of parking and childcare onsite with advance registration. This is the premier church community event for newcomers and you'll want to attend. Visit our website to RSVP or email communications@stjamesp.org.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: STUFF THE TRUCK

Saturday, October 14 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | St. Paul's

2SHARE Inc. is hosting its first Stuff the Truck fundraiser on Saturday October 14th from 10am-2pm in the parking lot of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They are asking for donations of new linens and household items including twin & full sheets sets, twin & full blankets/quilts/comforters, pillows, sets of flatware, sets of pots and pans, bath towel sets, bath mats, shower curtains and curtain rings, mattress covers, lamps, lamp shades, and metal platform bed frames. Please stop by and help us Stuff the Truck! For more information on 2SHARE visit 2shareinc.org.

FALL WEEKDAYS AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WEEKDAY MORNING
PRAYER

Monday-Friday | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom

MONDAYS

GRIEF MINISTRY: LIVING
WELL IN THE MIDST OF
GRIEF & LOSS

*1st and 3rd Mondays | 5:00 PM | Zoom &
Graham Parlor*

SABBATH EXPLORATION
GROUP

2nd and 4th Mondays | 5:00 p.m. | RSVP

TUESDAYS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
Tuesdays | 11:00 AM

COMMUNITY OF
HOPE INTERNATIONAL
TRAINING

Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE
STUDY AT STARBUCKS

*Wednesdays | 7:00 a.m. | 16th St.
Starbucks*

TELLING YOUR STORY
THROUGH GUIDED
AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m. | Graham Parlor

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE
STUDY: HEBREWS FOR
EVERYONE

*Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m. | Graham Parlor or
Zoom*

HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays | 12:10 p.m. | St. James Chapel

THURSDAYS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
Thursdays | 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays | 7:00 p.m.

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